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We claim:

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1. A method of translating instructions, said method comprising:
2 translating a first block of instructions executable in a first processor
3 architecture, into a translated first block of instructions executable in a second
4 processor architecture, said translated first block of instructions operating with a
5 stack of data entry positions; and
6 generating an expected Top of Stack (TOS) position in said stack for said
7 first block of code.

1. The method as claimed in claim 1, said method further comprising:
2 adding at least one instruction to said translated first block of
3 instructions to determine if said first expected TOS is equal to an actual TOS at a
4 time of executing said translated first block of instructions.

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1. The method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said instruction
2 added to said first block of instructions, branches to correction code if said
3 expected TOS is not equal to said actual TOS.

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1 4. The method as claimed in claim 3, said method further
2 comprising:

3 determining if execution of instructions in said first block of
4 instructions changes the actual TOS.

1 5. The method as claimed in claim 4, said method further
2 comprising:

3 in response to determining execution of instructions in said first
4 block of instructions changes the actual TOS, adding an instruction to an end of
5 the first block of instructions to update the actual to TOS.

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1 6. A computer-readable medium having stored thereon a set of
2 instructions to translate instructions, said set of instructions, which when
3 executed by a processor, cause said processor to perform a method comprising:
4 translating a first block of instructions executable in a first processor
5 architecture, into a translated first block of instructions executable in a second
6 processor architecture, said translated first block of instructions operating with a
7 stack of data entry positions; and
8 generating an expected Top of Stack (TOS) position in said stack for said
9 first block of code.

1 7. The computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 6,
2 wherein said set of instructions further includes additional instructions, which
3 when executed by said processor, cause said processor to perform said method
4 further comprising:

5 adding at least one instruction to said translated first block of
6 instructions to determine if said first expected TOS is equal to an actual TOS at a
7 time of executing said translated first block of instructions.

1 8. The computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 7,
2 wherein said instruction added to said first block of instructions, branches to
3 correction code if said expected TOS is not equal to said actual TOS.

1 9. The computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 8,
2 wherein said set of instructions further includes additional instructions, which
3 when executed by said processor, cause said processor to perform said method
4 further comprising:

5 determining if execution of instructions in said first block of
6 instructions changes the actual TOS.

1 10. The computer-readable medium as claimed in claim 9,
2 wherein said set of instructions further includes additional instructions, which

A1 3 when executed by said processor, cause said processor to perform said method
4 further comprising:

5 in response to determining execution of instructions in said first
6 block of instructions changes the actual TOS, adding an instruction to an end of
7 the first block of instructions to update the actual to TOS.

1 11. A system comprising:

2 a first unit of logic to translate a first block of instructions executable in a
3 first processor architecture, into a translated first block of instructions executable
4 in a second processor architecture, said translated first block of instructions
5 operating with a stack of data entry positions; and
6 a second unit of logic to generate an expected Top of Stack (TOS) position
7 in said stack for said first block of code.

1 12. The system as claimed in claim 11, wherein said second unit
2 of logic further adds at least one instruction to said translated first block of
3 instructions to determine if said first ~~expected~~ TOS is equal to an actual TOS at a
4 time of executing said translated first block of instructions.

1 13. The system as claimed in claim 12, wherein said instruction
A) 2 added to said first block of instructions, branches to correction code if said
3 expected TOS is not equal to said actual TOS.

1 14. The system as claimed in claim 13, wherein said second unit
2 of logic determines if execution of instructions in said first block of instructions
3 changes the actual TOS.

1 15. The system as claimed in claim 14, wherein said second unit
2 of logic, in response to determining execution of instructions in said first block of
3 instructions changes the actual TOS, adds an instruction to an end of the first
4 block of instructions to update the actual to TOS.